IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Ápplicant: Paul B. Mirkarimi et al. Docket No.: CIL-10972

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For : Ion-Assisted Deposition Techniques For

The Planarization Of Topological Defects

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension fee for a one month extension (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) is \$420.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee (\$420) to Deposit Account Number 501913.

If any impediments remain, please contact the undersigned at 808-875-0012.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 30, 2004